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PATENT

In re application of: Kiyofumi TAKEUCHI et al.

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For: NEMATIC LIQUID CRYSTAL COMPOSITION AND LIQUID CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 20, 2001

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-5, 9 and 13-17 as follows:

3. (Amended) A nematic liquid crystal composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid crystal component A contains one to twenty kinds of compounds selected from one, two, or three or more sub-groups among the following sub-groups (I-ai) to (I-avii), the content of said compounds being within a range from 10 to 100% by weight:

✓ (I-ai) compound in which R¹ is an alkyl or alkenyl group having 2 to 7 carbon atoms,

✓ (I-aii) compound in which Q¹ is F, Cl, CF₃, OCF₃, OCF₂, or CN, ✓

✓ (I-aiii) compound in which K¹ to K⁵ represent -(CH₂)₂-, -COO-, or -C≡C-,